U. S. TROOPERS AND MOUNTS Like Wounded Mountain Wolf, Villa Hides From His Hunters

American Troops, on Errand of Grim Justice Chasing Peon Brigand Amid Wild Scenes of His First Lust for Blood.

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WITH THE AMERICAN PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, April 2 (by army motor truck of Columbus, N. M.—Like a wounded mountain wolf at bay in its home lair, Pancho Villa, the bandit, is surrounded by American troopers. The outlaw has one kape fractured and another bullet wound in his hip. He is in the wild mountainous country northeast of Guerrero, hidden there under the floor of a friendly native's hut, or lying helpless in one of the mountain caves he knows so well.

the mountain caves he knows so well. Latest reports show that all that saved the wounded bandit was that he left his troops the day before the early orning surprise by Dodd's cavalry He is surrounded by troops. His Gen. Pershing said there was no or- down mountain sides. There is neither chances of slipping between the lines ganized resistance. Eliseo Hernandez,

this wild region is grim retributive of the band. of his first deeds of blood lust when he was rising to power in the revolution was to take the postjudge and three prominent town. The most desperate of the bandits who did not escape in the first rush stood and fought, firing through lies, wounded and without medical attendance, his last American surgeon having left him after Columbus. This is the condition of the once popular here who commanded thousands and Villa Engireled by Covelyn. who commanded thousands and had a hospital train at his disposal. A few miles away at San Andres ne married his first wife, Luz Corral de Villa, and later deserted her.

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The early morning surprise of the 7th Cavairy under Col. James B. Erwin makes a page in the heroic annals of the American army. One of these columns was commanded by Col George A. Dodd, the other two being led by Col. William C. Brown and Maj. Ellwood W. Evans. The latter two were colored troopers of the 10th Cavalry.

Tuesday two Mexicans were captured by the cavalry scouts. They declared they were deserters from Villa's army. Pleading for mercy, they insisted that they had not willingly followed the bandit, but had been impressed into his ranks with others when he field from Columbus. In every fight they said they had been put in the front rank, while more sincere bandlts were behind with orders to shoot them down should they lag in the fighting. In the brush with Carranza soldiers of the previous day they had escaped in the confusion following the wounding of the chieftain.

Put Troops on Villa's Trail.

The two prisoners gave Col. Erwin a general idea of where the Villa forces were. Then the seventeen-hour ride started. All day Tuesday the cavalrymen plodded forward. To any one who has seen the towering mountains and the rough, bowlder-strewn roads, little more than canyon skirting bridle paths, the ride can be appreciated. All that day they hurried forward, and the bandits with the rough traces of their march—abandoned blankets, occasionally a dead horse, a spot where they had evidently camped and built fires, and stores wrung from reluctant natives—were plentiful.

As the sudden tropical darkness fell the American guides informed Col. Erwin that they were approaching the town of Guerrero. Knowing the habits of the Maxicans, the American officers assumed that they would bivouac for the night in the town and commandeer the homes of the matives for sheiter. Twenty miles from the town "Halt" which was been gendered by the fown of Guerrero. Knowing the habits of the Maxicans, the American officers assumed that they would bivouac for the night in the town and commandeer the homes of the matives for sheiter. Twenty miles from the town "Halt" which was led to go the formation of the regiment was at Wassatch, Indian hat they would bivouac for the night in the town and commandeer the homes of the matives for sheiter. Twenty miles from the town "Halt" which was been gendured by the form of the columns have campaigned in two feet of snow. The days, in sharp contrast, are of tropical intensity. On all sides, except in the aurow valley and the formation as possible. A Carranza soldier, which had been taken from-American victims, were the mountains crowned the year around which was led to tower the lower than the work of the matives of sheiter. Twenty miles from the town "Halt" which was led to the proposal to the columns have campaigned in two feet of snow. The days, in sharp contrast, are of tropical intensity. On all sides, except in the aurow valled to the columns have campaigned in two fe

horses' backs, sought safety in flight. Hernandez Among First Killed.

A lieutenant who was in the fight and and escaping farther into the solitudes who had been left in command by Villa, of the mountains are considered small, was one of the first killed. As the fire of the galloping troopers swept the town the shots of the bandits

That Villa should come to his end in reaching horses were all that remained of the band. These were pursued for five hours until they had scattered in rally at a place which has been under turned to Hermosillo after a the mountains.

The four Americans who were wounded fell before shots from the adobe

s after they had entered The most desperate of the

Villa Encircled by Cavalry.

From some of the wounded further nformation was gleaned of the whereabouts of Villa. They corroborated the story of the two deserters that he was

story of the two deserters that he was seriously wounded.
Other cavalry columns were rushed to surround his supposed hiding place. The others in the vicinity are:
Detachment composed of two companies of the 13th and two of the 13th under Maj. Frank Tompkins of the 13th Sauadron of the 13th under Maj. Elliner Lindsjey of the cavalry headquarters of the western department at San Francisco.

Francisco.

Squadron of twenty picked men
porses from each company of the horses from each company of the 11th under Maj. Robert L. Howze of the army War College at Washington, D. C

Abandon Everything in Flight. In their flight the Villa bandits aban-

doned everything except what they had on their coats. Blanket rolls, sombreros saddlebags, all the pack mules and even

At midnight the order was given and they were again in their saddles. It was figured to reach the sleeping town at 4 o'clock in the morning and surprise the sleeping band. In the darkness the guides lost the way and dawn had broken before the town, nestling in a valley between the mountain ridges, was sighted.

The wo aviators who were in the machiners was friendly and asked a night's lodging. The goatherder was friendly and took them in. The same room furnished shelter and its Goor was a bed for the two Americans and the herder, two women, three children and an assortment of dogs, pigs and chickens. The visitors, however, were given a mattress. They arrived in camp the next day behind a Mexican burro team none the worse for the experience.

STAND UP WELL UNDER WORK

Pride in Their Horses a Passion With the Men-Even Villa's Enemies Try to Block American Pursuers.

AT THE FRONT IN MEXICO. Gen.
Pershing's Camp. April 3, by aeroplane and motor courier to Columbus. N. M..
April 6.—A cavalry officer coming in rom an eighty-mile ride last night said: "I never saw a country where men could ride as hard without sleep and still keep well as in these

mountains. This officer has ridden with 250 picked men of the cavalry. "It seems to be the air at the alti-

The troopers in the course of their ighty miles in two days made a fiftyfive-mile ride literally up and down the tops of a ridge of mountains. The fifty-five miles was made in thirty-six hours, through canyons, through heavy snow at 10,000 feet high and up and road nor trail.

Horses Are Good Climbers.

After taking their mounts safely through his ride the cavalrymen made Elias Calles, military governor o to head off the possibility of a Villa for several days. In the mountain work the cavalrymen led their horses over the worst places. The horses have shown that they can

eet him sure."

An officer here tells how he retreated rom a house where he believed he can about to discover a Villa bandit. I was during the search of a mounain district where there was a suspion that Villa might be concealed until

Beat a Hasty Treat.

Many houses were under serach when ounded man lying in bed in a room. He swung open the door, pistol in hand and hurried across the room. The man n bed in the very poor light looked nore than ever like a wounded bandit.

more than ever like a wounded bandit. The officer started to turn down the blanket covering the Mexican, but after one look he fled. He had discovered a case of smallpox.

The wonder of cavalrymen now searching the mountains is an American cowboy scout, who rides with the troopers in these cold altitudes clad in what the soldiers say is only a thin cotton shirt.

vince the people of the Americans' good intentions has become to some extent

\$50,000,000 RESERVE

TO BACK MEXICAN PAPER

MEXICO CITY, April 6.-Gen. Car ranza last night issued a decree author izing that a reserve fund of \$50,000,000 gold be constituted to guarantee the present paper issue. The fund is to become immediately available by the employment of \$10.000,000 in specie from the national treasury, and will be completed by the use of all the gold which will be received from the sale of public lands, from mining tax receipts and from a sum of \$20,000,000 gold to be obtained by mortgage of public lands. The fund will be used exclusively for the redemption of the present paper meney

BURGLAR DROPS PICTURE.

ly after Tuesday midnight by a noise

CARRANZA IS PLANNING

ot have any cause

They believed it was not to

CAMPAIGN ON YAQUIS ceased and those who had succeeded in a twenty-five-mile dash across country nora and comander of the troops onin Guaymas and vicinity, according

A dispatch from Nogales said Ge

CARRANZISTAS HOPEFUL

the remnants of his men during the firm reports that their chief is wound-He thinks that Villa will now try tains when he finds the road south strongly held.

The peace commission has not yet re ported, as Canuto Reyes is raid to have gone toward San Juan de Mesequita to confer with the other eleven gen erals directly under his command.

To Demonstrate Life Saving. W. E. Longfellow, national repre

sentative of the American Red Cross who has been for a number of years engaged in opening Red Cross lifesaving and training stations through-out the United States, will give a dem-onstration of life saving at the Young Men's Christian Association swimming pool this evening at 8 o'clock.



CENSURES MR. DANIELS FOR WINE MESS STORY

Representative Britten Issues Statement Defending Character of Naval Officers.

republican member of the House com-Secretary Daniels before the committee in regard to the abolition of the wine mess in the navy. Secretary Dan-Noise Made Arouses Cwner in Time iels said that one of the things Admiral Fiske had told him in criticism ele not brought out at the has the light of the light of

Defends Officers of Navy.

Britten, "that the newspaper reading public should get the impression from are so weak that because they can

get a cocktail they must use cocaine.

"The Secretary of the Navy should be ashamed to so characterize the personnel of the navy. His statement of regret at not having issued the liquor order the very first day he was made. Secretary of the Navy will naturally be taken to mean that drunkenness prevailed among officers and men, that the efficiency of the ships was materially impaired during that period, and that the use of liquor was as prevalent."

as the use of tobacco, soap, shoe polish and other necessaries aword ship, while the truth is that liquor had been abolished in the navy ever since 1862. "I have observed repeated demands in the newspapers of New York and Chicago for the resignation of Mr. Daniels. They are brought about by just such occurrences as these, wherein the Secretary betitles the character of the officers and the efficiency of the whole service."

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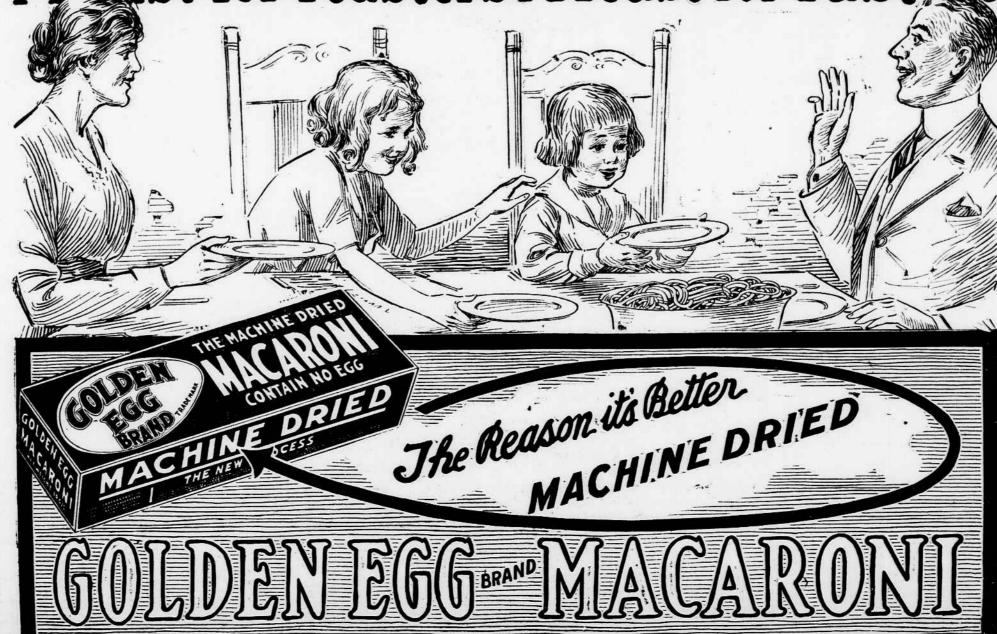
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ican Lines Is Almost Hopeless Task Unless Some Lucky Incident Intervenes. EL PASO, Tex., April 6.—The entire Chihuahua, but the best informed Mexican situation was veiled in obscurity today, as far as the border was concerned. For the last three days not troops in that district. In this connection concerned. For the last three days not a single Mexican or American has ara single Mexican or American has arrived here from the interior, and the scanty news given out by the Mexican officials at Juarez as received by telegraph threw no light on the operations on the troops pursuing Villa beyond confirming the impression that the chase has been practically halted, at least temporarily. Army officers here show no hesitancy in expressing their opinion that to attempt to pursue Villa farther, without

ARMY OFFICERS ARE PRESSING

FOR PERMIT TO USE RAILROADS

Say Further Pursuit of Villa Without Mex-

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Association is to be held in the parlors of the home, 1719 13th street northwest, tomorrow morning. Reports will be presented, officers elected for the ensuing year and committees approinted to look after the varieties. the aid of the railroads, is almost a hopeless task, unless, of course, some lucky accident intervenes. The one incalculable factor is the question as to mittees appointed to look after the va-rious interests of the organization. whether Villa is wounded or not. The Mexican commanders are emphatic in their assertions that the bandit chief is seriously disabled, but their belief is not shared by the American commanders. That Villa should spread a report to the effect he had been shot is so characteristic a maneuver that it is received with considerable reservation. The alarmists on the border have been remarkably quiet during the last few days. While no one disputes the fact that the international situation is a very delicate one, with grave possibilities binging on a misstep by either side, the control which Gen. Carranza has shown he possesses over his lieutenants and the calm with which the Mexican people have treated the crossing of the border by American troops has brought about a decided feeling of optimism.

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The wild stories of the massing of Mexican troops in proximity to the border, among the most popular yarns with the alarmists, have apparently died a natural death. The favorite number of troops so massed was 20,000, aithough enthusiasts were willing to go as high as 40,000. As the most authentic information places the number of troops that the de facto government has in all Mexico between 50,000 and 60,000, it was difficult for the "rumoristas" to explain where the cohorts supposed to be in northern Chihuahua and Sonora came from. As a mater of fact, according to the most reliable data obtainable here, Gen. Calles has between 4,000 and 6,000 men in Sonora, with whom he is planing operations against the Yaqui Indians.

It is more difficult to obtain dependable information regarding northern

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